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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: De Heus, E.  
Application Number: 09/230,001 ✓  
Filing Date: May 18, 1999 ✓  
Title: STERILIZATION APPARATUS  
Examiner Name: Thornton, K.  
Group Art Unit: 1744

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

( ) Previously submitted:  
( ) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .  
( ) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .  
(X) Enclosed: 08/15/2003 AWONDAF1 00000119 09230001  
(X) Amendment After RCE. 01 FC:2801 375.00 OP  
(X) Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132. 08/15/2003 AWONDAF1 00000119 09230001  
( ) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) 02 FC:2253 465.00 OP  
(X) Return Postcard

2. Miscellaneous:

( ) Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months).

3. Fees:

(X) RCE fee (\$375 small entity/\$750 large entity)

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( Fee for suspension (\$130)

( Extension of Time fee:

( One Month (\$55/\$110)

( Two Month (\$205/\$410)

( Three Month (\$465/\$930)

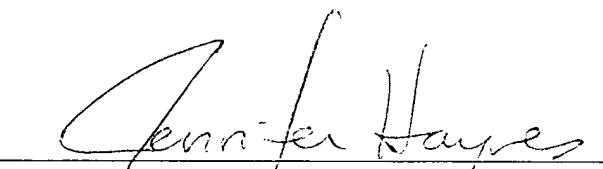
4. Payment:

( Check in the amount of \$840 to cover the above fees.

( The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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AMENDMENT AFTER RCE

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Dear Sir:

The following communication is an amendment responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 12, 2003 (Paper No. 15), filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. In response to the Office Action, please amend the application as follows: